

which the action is pending may order such continuances as may be necessary to afford the defendant a reasonable opportunity to defend the action. The fee of \$2.00 paid by the plaintiff to the Secretary of State at the time of service, shall be taxed in the costs of the proceedings and the Secretary of State shall keep a record of all such processes which shall show the day and hour of service, and he shall account for all funds so coming into his hands from such services, to the proper officer or department of this State.

1931, ch. 498, sec. 187D.

168. Proof of ability to respond in damages, when required by this sub-title, may be evidenced by the written certificate or certificates of any insurance carrier duly authorized to do business within the State, that it has issued to or for the benefit of the person named therein a motor vehicle liability policy or policies in the form hereinafter prescribed, which, at the date of the certificate or certificates, is or are in full force and effect, and designating therein by explicit description or by other adequate reference, all motor vehicles to which the policy or policies apply. The Commissioner shall not accept any certificate or certificates unless the same shall cover all motor vehicles then registered in this State in the name of the person furnishing such proof. Additional certificates, as aforesaid, shall be required as a condition precedent to the registration of any additional motor vehicle or motor vehicles in the name of such person required to furnish proof as aforesaid. Said certificate or certificates shall certify that the motor vehicle liability policies therein cited shall not be cancelled or expire except as hereinafter provided. If such person be a non-resident, a certificate, as aforesaid, of an insurance carrier authorized to transact business in the State or Province in which the insured resides, shall be accepted if such carrier shall (a) execute a power of attorney authorizing the Commissioner to accept service of notice or process in any action arising out of a motor vehicle accident in this State, and (b) its governing executive authority shall duly adopt a resolution providing that its policies shall be deemed to be varied to comply with the law of this State relating to the terms of motor vehicle liability policies issued therein, and (c) agree to accept as final and binding any final judgment duly rendered in any action arising out of a motor vehicle accident in any court of competent jurisdiction in this State; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall be operative as to such insurance carriers (organized and existing under the laws of such State or Province and not licensed to transact business in this State) only to the extent and under the same terms and conditions that under the laws of such State or Province where such motor vehicle is registered or in which the insured resides, like recognition, if a law of like effect is in force and effect, is granted to certificates of insurance carriers organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of this State. If, under the laws of such State or Province, in which a law of like effect is in force and effect, certificates of insurance carriers organized and not existing under or by virtue of the laws of this State are not accepted, the certificates of insurance carriers of such State or Province shall not be accepted under the provisions of this sub-title.

The Commissioner shall be notified by the insurance carrier of the cancellation or expiration of any motor vehicle liability policy certified